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Senator Kennedy Shares Views on Border Security and Illegal Immigration

Kennedy Thinks It Is "Harsh" For the U.S. Government Not to Give Tax Money to Illegal Immigrants

"Well, we had some amendments on the floor of the Senate that were, I thought, particularly harsh and focused on the undocumented; for example, to eliminate the earned income tax credit only for the undocumented."

Kennedy Admits Enforcement is More Popular Than Amnesty Among the American People

"After we had a good, strong vote in the United States Senate, the letters of support to many of my colleagues that supported the position that Senator McCain and I took just, sort of, dropped off, and many of the others that opposed the bill went back home. And it seems that they were getting a better reception than the people that had supported it in many respects."

Kennedy Admits Border Fences Reduce Illegal Immigration

"What we found out where they put the fencing in, the number dropped down about 25 percent or 30 percent, but in the other areas, where there were not fences, that they increased dramatically."

-Senator Edward Kennedy quotes from Immigration teleconference call, July 5, 2006

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